REPORTS

OF THE

PRESIDENT, TREASURER,

AND

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

WILMINGTON INSTITUTE,

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LIST OF EX-PRESIDENTS.

OF THE

WILMINGTON INSTITUTE.

For Term ending		April,	1859, JOSHUA T. HEALD.
"	"	"	1860, WILLIAM CANBY.
"	"	"	1861, SAMUEL BIDDLE.
"	"	"	1862, WILLIAM S. HILLES.
"	"	"	1863, GEO. W. BUSH.
"	"	"	1864 Dr. WM. R. BULLOCK.
"	"	"	1865, Dr. J. F. VAUGHAN.
"	"	"	1866, JOHN H. ADAMS.
"	"	"	1867, JOHN P. McLEAR.
"	"	"	1868, S. M. HARRINGTON.
"	"	"	1869, DAN'L W. TAYLOR.
"	"	"	1870, WILLIAM H. SWIFT.
"	"	"	1871, ANTHONY HIGGINS.

OFFICERS FOR 1871-2.

President.—WILLIAM M. CANBY.
Corresponding Secretary.—WILLIAM A. REYNOLDS.
Recording Secretary.—SAMUEL A. MACALLISTER.
Treasurer.—CHARLES W. HOWLAND.

DIRECTORS.

MAHLON M. CHILD, GEORGE H. BATES,
BENJAMIN NIELDS, DR. WM. R. BULLOCK.

Term Expires April, 1872.

ANTHONY HIGGINS, HOWARD M. JENKINS,
IGNATIUS C. GRUBB, WILLIAM CANBY.

Term Expires April, 1873.

JOHN C. COLE, REV. C. D. SHAW,
WM. C. SPRUANCE, REV. T. G. LITTELL.

Term Expires April, 1874.

LIBRARIAN.

AUGUSTUS F. WILMANS.

COMMITTEES, 1871-72.

Ways and Means.

WILLIAM CANBY.
CHARLES W. HOWLAND,
HOWARD M. JENKINS.

Newspapers and Periodicals.

JOHN C. COLE,
WM. C. SPRUANCE,
ANTHONY HIGGINS.

Donations and Archives.

REV. T. G. LITTELL,
" C. D. SHAW,
I. C. GRUBB.

Rooms and Fixtures.

CHARLES W. HOWLAND,
MAHLON M. CHILD,
WILLIAM CANBY.

Library

DR. WM. R. BULLOCK,
ANTHONY HIGGINS,
GEORGE H. BATES.

Printing

GEORGE H. BATES,
I. C. GRUBB,
W. A. REYNOLDS.

Lectures.

BENJAMIN NIELDS,
REV. T. G. LITTELL,
DR. WM. R. BULLOCK.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

WILMINGTON INSTITUTE, 7 P. M., April 3, 1871.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Wilmington Institute was held this evening, in the Library and Reading Room of the Institute, President Anthony Higgins, in the Chair.

The minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting were read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report, and the Annual Reports of the several Standing Committees were then read by the Secretary; after which the retiring President, Anthony Higgins, Esq., delivered his annual address, and then introduced to the members of the Institute, the President elect, Mr. Wm. M. Canby, who, after thanking the members for the honor conferred upon him, took the Chair

On motion of Mr. Grubb, the thanks of the members were tendered to the retiring President, Mr. Higgins, for the very satisfactory and faithful manner in which he had performed the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Croasdale, the thanks of the members were extended to the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, on motion adopted, the meeting adjourned.

S. A. MACALLISTER,
Recording Secretary.

REPORTS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHARLES W. HOWLAND, *Treasurer in account with the Wilmington Institute.*

DR. RECEIPTS.

Received from Members	$2097 00
" " Rent of Hall	2780 45
" " " Scientific Room	53 50
" " " Directors' Room	22 00
" " " Basement Lecture Room	370 00
" " " Stores and Offices	3400 00
" for Three Shares of First National Bank Stock	402 00
" " sales of Old Papers	14 92
" " Fines on Books	91 89
" " Fees for New Books	17 24
	$9249 00
Balance from last year	182 27
	$9431 27

CR. EXPENDITURES.

Books	$ 670 78
Newspapers and Periodicals	312 30
Binding and Repairing	226 12
Librarian	1000 00
Assistant Librarian	156 00
Gas	817 50
Fuel	126 45
Interest	1720 25
Bonds Nos. 17, 18 and 19	1500 00
Water Tax	36 00
City and School Tax	460 28
County and Poor Tax	110 25
State Tax	41 25
Insurance	163 00
City License	25 50
Advertising and Printing	104 85
Janitor	452 50
Police	89 25
Carlisle & Henderson, painting roof, (contract)	83 00
John W. Gibson, " Hall, "	114 00
Robert Pyle	177 47
H. F. Pickels & Bro	52 80
S. & T. McClary	15 80
Note to New Castle County Ins. Co	75 00
Carried forward,	$8530 35

Brought forward,	$8530 35
Literary Lectures	250 16
Sundry Items	182 45
	$8962 96
Balance of Cash on hand	468 31
	$9431 27

CHAS. W. HOWLAND, *Treasurer.*

WILMINGTON, 4TH MO. 1st, 1871.

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of C. W. Howland, Treasurer, and find them correct, leaving a balance due the Wilmington Institute of Four Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars and Thirty-one Cents, ($468 31.)

WILLIAM CANBY, }
GEO. H. BATES, } *Committee on Ways and Means.*

WILMINGTON, April 1st, 1871.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS.

Number of Annual Members	501
" of Half "	45
" of Life Members	42
" of Perpetual Members	3
Total	591
Decrease of Membership for the past year	49
Amount received for dues from March 1870, to March 1871	$2097 00

The 17th, 18th and 19th Mortgage Bonds ($500.00 each,) were promptly paid at maturity.

The present debt of the Institute is as follows:

First Mortgage	$13,000 00
Twenty-one Second Mortgage Bonds ($500.00 each)	10,500 00
Mortgage on adjoining property	3,500 00
Note due New Castle County Mutual Insurance Co	500 00
Total	$27,500 00

The finances of the Institute are in a satisfactory condition, all debts being paid when due, out of Cash on hand.

Our resources will be increased the present year, from the rents of the Stores being advanced.

The *original* debt of the Institute was	$33 000 00
The cost of the adjoining property	5,000 00
Total	$38,000 00

In conclusion, we would reiterate the recommendation made by the Committee one year ago, that the present debt should be funded in *one Mortgage*, with a provision for a more gradual extinction of the same, thereby allowing

us to purchase more books, and in every way add to the interest of the members.

This year, and annually hereafter, until all are paid, *three* of our bonds fall due, instead of *two* as heretofore, which makes a large sum to be deducted yearly from our revenue.

The change made in the Constitution at the last annual meeting, for the admission of members, and the semi-annual charge for the same, appears to give satisfaction, and is an improvement on the arrangement of the previous year.

WILLIAM CANBY,
GEO. H. BATES,
CHAS. W. HOWLAND, } *Committee.*

March 27th, 1871.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DONATIONS.

The Committee on Donations report that they have received during the year ending March 21st, 1870, the under-written donations, from the following persons:

From Hon. T. F. Bayard:

Navy Register of the United States, 1870.

Memorial Address on Life and Character of Wm. Pitt Fessenden, Senator from Maine, delivered in Congress Dec. 14, 1869.

Annual Report of Com. of Internal Revenue, Commerce and Navigation, 1868.

Report of the U. S. Coast Survey, 1866.

Causes of Reduction of American Tonnage, and the Decline of Navigation Interests.

Official Army Register, for January, 1870.

Report—Clothing and Woolen Fabrics: Selections from Correspondence of Paris Exposition, showing Organization and Administration of the U. S. Section.

Report on Education—Paris Exposition.

Tributes of the Nation to Abraham Lincoln.

4 Vols. Patent Office Report for 1868.

6 Vols. Pub. Docs., relating to Paris Exposition of 1867.

Congressional Directory for 3d Session of Forty-first Congress.

Roll of Honor, No. XXV., of Soldiers who died in Defence of the Union.

Mining Statistics West of the Rocky Mountains.

From Anthony Higgins, Esq.:

Michigan Report, Public Instruction and School Laws, 1852.
" School Reports, 1855–56–57.
" School Laws, 1859.
" School Report, 1865.
" School Report, 1868.
" Geological Survey, 1870.
Catalogue of University of Michigan, 1868–9.

From Mr. Wm. Canby:

Transactions of New York State Agricultural Society, 1867: Parts I & II.

From Mr. Howard M. Jenkins:

Protection to Native Industry: Sir E. Sullivan, Bart.

From Jenkins & Atkinson:

"Who was She?"
"Idle Words."

From Miss Annie M. Ferris:

The Act of Incorporation of Members of the Library Company of Wilmington, in the 12th year of the Independence of the Delaware State; with catalogue of books attached.

From Mr. Jonathan E. Rhoads:

Dymond on War.

From Mr. Augustus F. Wilmans:

Bullion's English Grammar.
Parker's Rhetorical Reader.
Ansley's Elements of Literature.
Murray's English Reader.
Select Reader, No. 3, two copies.
Knighton's Young Composer.
Wilmsen's Reader, or Children's Friend, 2 copies.
Latin Reader.

From Rev. F. W. Holland:

Proceedings of New England Historico-Genealogical Society, at the Annual Meeting, Jan. 4, 1871.

From Mr. Abner T. Bailey:

A gun lock, piece of rope-yarn, chain-shot and a candle, from the British ship Augusta, blown up by Fort Mifflin; the donor's grandfather, Henry Bailey, having been in the fort at the time.

From Geo. T. Metcalf, Esq., Chief Clerk:

Full set of Documents of 1st and 2d Sessions of 40th Congress—47 Vols.

From Prof. Henry, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute:

Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vols. 9 and 10; Smithsonian contributions to Knowledge, Vol 16.

From Hon. Mr. Kellogg:

"Science for the People."

Also:

Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society, 1870.

Fiftieth Annual Report of Apprentices' Library Co., Philada.

Forty-seventh Annual Report of Board of Management of Mercantile Library Co., Philada.

Fifty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of New York State Library, 1869–70.

Proceedings of New Jersey Historical Society.

Peabody Institute—proceedings on announcement of death of Hon. John P. Kennedy.

Peabody Institute—Third Annual Report of Provost to Trustees, including Mr. Peabody's letters.

Prospectus of Burlington Cotlege, N J

Biographical Register of Officers and Graduates of the U. S. Military Academy, Cullum.

Mercantile Library Association, of San Francisco, 16th, 17th and 18th Annual Reports.

Also, from E. L. Delano, Esq., Chief Clerk of Department of Interior at Washington.

Twenty-eight volumes of Documents, 3d Session, 40th Congress.

From Chief Engineer F. W. Bonham:

War Maps of the Great Battles of the recent War.

From Norris Peters, Washington, D. C.

Fac-similes of Death Warrants of Charles I, and Mary Queen of Scots.

CHARLES D SHAW,
WM. A. REYNOLDS, } *Committee.*
WM. M. CANBY,

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

The Committee on the Library respectfully report that during the past year no essential change has been made in the conduct of the department under their charge. Various improvements suggest themselves, and should be made at as early a day as the finances will permit. Among these are: The enlargement of the Library Room, which is now much crowded, at times, especially in the evenings. The arrangement of the reading desks is such, owing to the limited room, that the alcoves are shut up from the Librarian's supervision, and are constantly used for purposes of interviews and conversation. More shelf room must soon be had; the addition of New Books has nearly exhausted all available space, and not only is the reserved case much overcrowded, so that its books cannot be properly placed, but there are probably not less than fifteen hundred volumes, of various characters and values, which have been temporarily placed in the Scientific Lecture Room, in the Director's Room, or have been piled up wherever places could be found. They

should be regularly placed upon the shelves, and come under the eye of members who may desire to use them.

All these difficulties will be remedied by the removal of the temporary partition, and the addition of the Scientific Lecture Room, (from which very little rent is received,) to the Library Room.

The expenditure of the Committee, during the year, has been as follows:

For Books	$ 670 78
" Binding and Stationery	226 12
" Salary of Librarian	1000 00
" " " Assistant Librarian	156 00
Total Expenditure, 1870,	$2052 90
" " 1869,	1744 26
Increase for 1870	$308 64

The item for binding may appear large, but it is swelled by the expense of binding, every six months, the several valuable Magazines, reviews, and other periodicals, which it is desirable to preserve.

The Librarian makes no report separate from that submitted by the Committee, but the various statistics annually prepared by him, are here presented.

The Books in the Library, by count, are as follows:

Folios	255 volumes.	
Quartos	355 "	
Octavos	4203 "	
Duodecimos	4501 "	
		9314
Add Odd Volumes		137
Add Condemned Volumes		16
Total		9467
" last year		9066
Increase		401

This is the increase as appears by comparing the two counts. The Books added have been:

New Books purchased, (including bound volumes of Magazines, &c.,)	402
Books presented	68
Making an increase of	470

The increase by count being but 401, it would seem that 69 volumes have been lost or stolen.

The number of pamphlets received is 24.

The Books issued during the year were 25,220 volumes, a decrease of 1684, from the preceding year.

The amounts received by the Librarian for various accounts in his charge, have been:

For Fines on Books	$91 89
" Advance Fees on Books	17 24
" Old Paper sold	14 92
Total	$124 05

The total membership, excluding 40 members who are in arrears, is 591, a decrease from last year, of 45 Members, which is probably to be ascribed to the increase of the annual payment, made a year ago.

For a detailed statement of the various classes of membership, reference may be had to the report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOWARD M. JENKINS,
WM. R. BULLOCK, } *Committee.*
GEO. H. BATES,

COMMITTEE ON NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Newspapers and Periodicals report that their department of the Institute has experienced no material change in its operations during the year.

The State of the Treasury has not seemed to justify any increase of expense for periodical literature, during our official term.

We have, however, the satisfaction of presenting to our membership a very good collection of this class of reading.

Our files and tables now contain daily newspapers to the number of eleven, coming from the following named cities, viz.: New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Wilmington, Five semi-weeklies from Boston, Cincinnati, and Wilmington. Fifteen weekly publications representing London, New York, Boston, Albany, Chicago, Dover, Westchester, Pottsville, St Louis and Wilmington. Sixteen monthly Magazines and seven quarterlies, offer the cream of polite literature, the whole comprising in one list fifty-four of the leading issues of the day.

We have paid one year in advance for the entire number of the above.

The amount the Committee have received from the Treasurer on this account is $312.30, all of which has been duly expended, and receipts thereof are on file. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. COLE
WM R. BULLOCK, } *Committee.*
T. GARDINER LITTELL,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROOMS AND FIXTURES.

The Committee on Rooms and Fixtures report that the Stores and Offices have been rented for the year.

The four stores on Market Street have been rented for $2250, for the year commencing March 25, 1871; house No. 811 Market street, owned by Wilmington Institute, has been leased for five years from March 25, 1871, at $650 per year. The roof has been painted this winter. The Committee found it necessary to put in another well in the basement to carry off the water.

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Amount received for rent of Hall	$2,780 45
" " " " Scientific and Directors' Rooms	75 50
" " " " Four Stores on Market Street	2000 00
" " " " Basement Lecture Room	370 00
" " " " House No. 811 Market Street	475 00
	$5790 95

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Gas	$ 817 50
Insurance on buildings and contents	155 00
For Fuel	126 45
Paid Interest on First and Second Mortgage	1475 25
" " of Mortgage on adjoining property	210 00
" City Tax on Buildings	460 28
" County and Poor Tax	110 25
" State Tax	41 25
" Water Rent for 1871	36 00
" City License for Concerts	25 50
" Police	89 25
" Janitor, $450. and extras, $2.50	452 50
" for Painting Hall	114 00
" " " Roof	83 00
" digging well, walling it up, furnishing material, &c	75 00

CHAS. W. HOWLAND,
WILLIAM CANBY, } *Committee.*
M. M. CHILD,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

The Committee on Printing respectfully report that all business pertaining to this Committee has been attended to, and all bills contracted by the Committee have been paid.

SAM'L M. HARRINGTON,
WM. M. CANBY, } *Committee.*
IGNATIUS C. GRUBB,

LECTURES AND DEBATES.

The Committee on Lectures and Debates respectfully report that the course for the past year consisted of the following lectures:

"Joan of Arc," by Anna E. Dickinson.
"English Statesmanship," by Hon J. L. M. Curry.
"Salt Lake and Yosemite Valley," 2 lectures, by J. M. Hutchings.
"Poetry of Mechanism," by Hon. S. S. Cox.

Expenses for the whole,	$492 75
Reduced by receipts from persons not members,	244 59
Net expense,	$247 16

BENJ. NIELDS,
T. GARDINER LITTELL, } *Committee.*
HOWARD M. JENKINS,

ADDRESS OF ANTHONY HIGGINS, Retiring President.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Reports of the various Standing Committees, just read in your hearing, give a statement in detail of the conduct of the Institute during the year just closing, and of the present condition of its affairs.

The following Comparative Table, similar to those presented by my two immediate predecessors, shows the working of the Institute during this year, in comparison with the years 1869–70:

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

For the year ending April	1870.	1871.
Annual Income	$8,627 26	9,029 27
" Rents	6,119 50	6,625 95
Rents of Stores and Offices	3,032 00	3,400 00
Rent of Hall	2,638 00	2,780 45
Annual Dues	1,824 75	2,097 00
Debt	29,075 00	27,500 00
Reduction of Debt	1,075 00	1,500 00
Interest paid	1,900 27	1,685 25
Number of Books in Library	9,066	9,467
Annual Increase	457	401
Books taken out	26,904	25,220
Annual expenses for Books	414 49	670 78
Total Expenses for Library	2,035 35	2,052 90
Expenses for Newspapers and Periodicals	277 09	312 30
Expense for Lectures		250 16
Number of Members, (Annual)	557	501
" " Half-Members	32	45

The conduct of the Institute during the year, has been marked with no important event.

The smoothness with which the organization has worked, shows how well it is adapted to the object of its creation. The Buildings have been kept in good repair; the Halls, Stores and Offices rented for a larger sum than ever before; our current expenses promptly met, and our funded debt largely reduced. A considerable, though still an unsatisfactory increase has been made to the Library, while the members have been supplied with a very excellent Course of Lectures, at a comparatively small expense.

The number of volumes purchased for the Library this year, is 392; exceeding the number purchased during the year ending April 1, 1870, by 124.

The character and number of our Newspapers and Periodicals has been kept up to our usual standard.

The debt of the Institute has been reduced to $27,500, by the prompt payment, at maturity, of three Second Mortgage Bonds, of $500 each, and one gratifying result of the payment of our debt, is shown in the reduced amount of interest required to be paid this year.

I would again call attention to the importance of an early refunding of the entire debt of the Institute in one Mortgage, with provision for its more gradual payment than we are required to make at present. The very valuable real estate of the Institute, and the assurance that its affairs will always be honestly and prudently managed, ought to make the negotiation of such a loan comparatively easy. We thus would release annually quite a large sum from our income, to be applied to the purchase of Books.

It is very gratifying to be able to refer to the report of the Lecture Committee, showing that it is still possible to maintain in our community this admirable agency of education and culture. The Committee provided a course of five Lectures, the net expense of which was about two hundred and fifty dollars.

It was within the original design of the Institute to give its members the advantage of Lectures, and I feel our latest experience justifies us in concluding that a successful course can be furnished each year at a cost which even our limited means will justify us in incurring.

I regret to add that our membership shows a slight decrease in numbers. The number of half members is somewhat greater than last year, and the half membership system, adopted with much doubt, commends itself by its working, more and more to our continued support The new arrangement of the Standing Committees of the Executive has been found to work very satisfactorily.

Considering our means, the value of our property, the amount of our income, the number of our volumes, I feel that the Institute is to-day working to the full extent of its ability in discharging its task.

Looking both at the spirit which should actuate the citizens of this community to reap most fully the advantages offered by the Institute to its members, and also at the spirit which should prompt them to increase its means of improvement to the hi h t pitch of usefulness, I reach the conclusion

that its future scope as a power for good in our midst, is largely in our own hands.

The disposition of our members to make the utmost use of its privileges, Books, Magazines, Papers, and Lectures, is established by evidence as undoubted as it is gratifying. The people are hungry for knowledge. The average individual standard in taste and culture is yearly growing higher, partly owing to the improved character of our Public Schools, but largely to the influence of the Institute itself, which properly takes its place as supplement to the stricter training of the Schools.

It is for the people of Wilmington to say whether the treasures contained in Books, or taught in Lectures, which it offers to old and young alike, shall be scanty, meagre, and inadequate to the growing needs of a prosperous people, or whether they shall be rich in all the supplies from which a community must draw its learning and education. I am well aware of the many faults found by our members with the Institute, and frequently with its management. Sitting now for several years in the Board of Directors, I can renew the testimony borne by my predecessors to the honesty, watchfulness, and prudence with which its property has been attended to, and its income husbanded and applied. Whatever could have been made for the benefit of our members out of its resources, has been made.

The trouble has been, and is, not that the management is unwise and illiberal, but that its resources are lamentably deficient. With a library of less than ten thousand volumes to answer the demands of a population of more than thirty thousand people, surprise cannot be expressed at hearing the frequent complaint that one cannot get the Book sought for, while we are left to regret the sadder consequence of a scanty collection, that so many having this library alone to look to for their opportunities of knowledge, know not what book they ought to ask for.

I make bold to offer these reflections, because I have felt them deeply ever since it became my duty to learn by examination the character and extent of our library, and because we are approaching a time when some of our hitherto current resources may be cut off. Up to this time, there has been practically no competition brought against our Halls for the public uses proper to be allowed in them. Before another annual meeting this will no longer be. Time will show, whether from this cause our income will be reduced. But even if our source of annual income remain as reliable as ever, may we not express the hope that the people of Wilmington, recognizing the vast importance of the work done by the Institute, in maintaining intelligence and morality, will, by a wise and timely liberality, add largely to its present scope and means of usefulness.

Thanking the Executive Committee for their uniform courtesy and forbearance towards me, I yield my place to my worthy successor, at the same time congratulating you that you have secured so valuable a servant.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, the undersigned, concurring in the belief of the extended powers of concentrated and combined effort, for self-improvement, and for a more general diffusion of the means of information to all, have associated together for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Library, Reading Room, Literary and Scientific Lectures, Debates, and other means for promoting social, moral, and intellectual advancement, and to adopt the following for our Constitution:

CHAPTER I.

Of Names and Members.

ART. 1. This Association shall be known as "THE WILMINGTON INSTITUTE."

ART. 2. Any person over fifteen years of age may, if approved by the Executive Committee, become a member by paying the sum of two dollars upon his election, and semi-annually thereafter.

ART. 3. Any person over fifteen and under twenty-one years of age may, if approved by the Executive Committee, receive a ticket to be called a "Half Ticket," on payment of one dollar semi-annually, and be admitted to all the privileges of the Library and Reading Room.

ART. 4. Each person shall pay semi-annually the sum of two dollars, in the months of January and July.

ART. 5. The payment of forty dollars, and with the approval of the Executive Committee, any person may become a life member, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association

ART. 6. The payment of fifty dollars at one time may constitute, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a perpetual membership of the Institute. The persons making such payment will be entitled during life to all the privileges of active membership. Upon his or her death, the benefit of such membership may be given from year to year by the Executive Committee to any person nominated by the contributor. If no satisfactory nomination be

made, then such privilege may be conferred by the said Committee upon any deserving person who may be recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Art. 7. Any person may, during life or by will, establish any number of perpetual memberships, by providing the necessary amount of fifty dollars for each one. The principal sum of all memberships established under this Article shall be securely invested, and only the income used by the Institute. Such membership may bear the name of the contributor, and if more than one, shall be regularly numbered, viz: No. 1, No. 2, &c.

Art. 8. Any life member may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, receive a perpetual membership upon the payment of fifty dollars, *less* the amount already paid by him or her for life membership, *provided* the said additional payment be made within three years from the date of the life membership.

CHAPTER II.

Of Meetings.

Art 1 There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Association, on the first Monday in April, at 7 o'clock, P. M, for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Treasurer and Executive Committee, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

Art. 2. The President, at the request of the Executive Committee, or any ten members, stating the reasons therefor, shall call a special meeting of the members for the transaction of special business, one week's notice thereof having been given.

CHAPTER III.

Officers.

Art. 1 The officers of the Wilmington Institute shall be a President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Directors.

Art. 2 The President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, shall be elected annually; and, at the election next ensuing the adoption of this amendment, twelve Directors shall be chosen, who shall divide by lot into three classes; four to serve one year, four two years, and four three years; and at all annual elections thereafter, four only shall be chosen, who shall serve three years.

Art. 3. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Associations preserve order therein, give the casting vote on any question where there is an equal division of members, call special meetings when requested as aforesaid, and on vacating the office, present a written report of the doings of Association, during his administration, with such suggestions and recommendations as his judgment may dictate. He shall be Chairman of the Executive Com-

mittee, in which capacity he shall give the casting vote on all questions when there is a tie.

Art. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Art. 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Association, and of the Executive Committee.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall give security in the sum of two thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of his trust. He shall receive all dues and donations of money, pay all drafts on him, when signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President; and keep a regular account of the financial concerns of the Association; a full report of which he shall exhibit in writing at each annual meeting.

Art. 7. The President, Secretaries, Treasurer and Twelve Directors, shall constitute an Executive Committee with full power to appropriate Funds, enact By-Laws, and conduct the affairs of the Association. The Committee shall meet once in each week, for the transaction of business; and at the annual meeting, report its proceedings for the last year, and the state of the Association.

Art. 8. In case of flagrant official or personal misconduct, the Executive Committee shall have power, by a vote of two-thirds of its number, to expel a member of the Committee—two weeks' notice of the charges against him having been previously rendered in writing to the Secretary. And in case of flagrant misconduct on the part of any member of the Association, the Committee shall have the power of suspending such a member, by a vote of two-thirds of its number—two weeks' notice having been given him by the Secretary, in writing, of the charges preferred; and the privilege of appeal being reserved to him, at the succeeding annual meeting, for its decision thereon, as to his restoration or expulsion.

Art. 9. In case of a vacancy occurring among the Officers of the Association, or in the Executive Committee, the said Committee shall fill such vacancy.

Art. 10. There shall be an election for Officers of this Association on the first Tuesday of February. The polls to be opened at 3 o'clock, P. M., and close at 8 o'clock, P. M.; and no member shall be entitled to vote who is in arrears for dues.

Art. 11. Ten days previous to each election for officers of the Association, The Executive Committee shall give public notice thereof, and shall also appoint inspectors to superintend said election; and if a failure to elect all the officers of the Association and Executive Committee shall occur, said Inspectors shall order a new election, to be held one week thereafter, to fill such vacancy.

Art. 12. All Officers shall take their seats the first Monday in April.

CHAPTER IV.

Executive Committee.

Art. 1. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee after the annual election of officers by the Association, the President shall appoint the following Standing Committees; and in any case of vacancy thereafter occurring, the President shall have power to fill the same, viz.:

1. Committee on Ways and Means, three.
2. Committee on Donations and Archives, three.
3. Committee on Library, three.
4. Committee on Newspapers and Periodicals, three.
5. Committee on Rooms and Fixtures, three.
6. Committee on Printing, three.
7. Committee on Lectures, three.

The duties and powers heretofore exercised by the Committee on Membership Fund shall hereafter belong to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Art. 2. The Standing Committees shall perform such duties as are required by the Executive Committee, and present a written report of their proceedings at the annual meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Library, Reading-Room, and Cabinet.

Art. 1. The Executive Committee shall have power to make all proper provisions and regulations for the preservation, management, and direction of the Library, Reading Room, and Cabinet.

Art. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to appoint a Librarian, with such assistants as may be deemed necessary, and to require of the same sufficient sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties pertaining thereto. The Committee shall decide the sum.

CHAPTER VI.

Lectures.

Art. 1. There shall be a Public Lecture each week from the first of November to the first of April, or as often between said times as practicable, on some Literary or Scientific subject.

Art. 2. Every member, not in arrears for dues, shall be entitled to the privileges of the Reading Room, Library, and Cabinet, and have a free ticket to the Lectures, which ticket shall be transferable.

CHAPTER VII.

Debating Society.

Art. 1. A Debating Society shall be connected with the Association, to consist of such members as may choose to join by signing the roll.

Art. 2. The Officers of the Debating Society shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, and a Secretary, to be voted for only by its own members, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Art. 3. Every member of the Association shall be privileged to attend all the meetings of the Debating Society, but not to take part in any of its proceedings, unless his name is on the roll.

Art. 4. The Society shall enact its own By-Laws, and adopt its own order of business, subject to the Constitution of the Association.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Historical Department.

Art. 1. An Historical Department shall be organized in connection with the Wilmington Institute, under the direction of its Executive Committee, for the purpose of encouraging historical inquiry and research, and of diffusing historical information within this State, having express regard to its natural and civil history, embracing both its aboriginal and modern periods, under the name of the Historical Society of the Wilmington Institute.

Art. 2. The Historical Society of the Wilmington Institute shall consist of such members of said Institute, or of such other persons as shall subscribe to the Constitution of the Society, and of such honorary members as the Executive Committee shall from time to time recommend for membership.

Art. 3. The Officers of the Historical Society shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be voted for by ballot only by its own members, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Art. 4. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote at the election of its officers.

Art. 5. Every member of the Institute shall be privileged to attend all the meetings of the Historical Society, but not to take part in any of the proceedings, unless such member shall first subscribe his name to the Constitution of the Society.

Art. 6. The Historical Society shall enact its own Constitution and By-Laws, and adopt its own order of business, subject to the Constitution of the Wilmington Institute; but the Constitution of the Society shall have no force and effect unless approved by the Executive Committee.

Art. 7. The Cabinet and Library of the Historical Department shall be under the exclusive control of the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER IX.

Donations.

In case any monies shall accrue to the Association by gift or devise, (without condition as to the mode in which such donation shall be expended) it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to fund the monies thus acquired, in such securities as shall be approved of by two-thirds of their number, and no part of the principal of such fund shall be expended for any purpose whatever, without the previous sanction of two-thirds of the members present at a special or annual meeting of the Association.

CHAPTER X.

Alteration and Amendment.

There shall be no alteration or amendment made in this Constitution, unless the same shall have been proposed to the Executive Committee at least one month previous to the Annual Meeting, and then approved by two-thirds of the members of the Association present at such meeting.